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Hon. Commissioner of Patents
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
DEPOSIT ACCOUNT THEREFOR**

Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Official Communication dated September 22, 2000 for one (1) month from December 22, 2000 to January 22, 2001. An amendment responding to the aforesaid Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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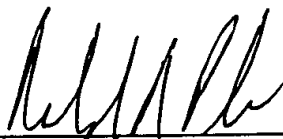
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Respectfully submitted



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